

COWES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY



MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT for year 1940.

The following re Annual report is arranged according to the directions in the circular to Port Health Authorities from the Ministry of Health in January 1940.

I. Amount of shipping entering the Port during the year.

Foreign 31.

Coastwise 165 and numerous small craft.

Number inspected by Medical Officer Nil.

" " Sanitary Inspector 31 foreign 165 coastwise.

" reported defective None

" reporting infectious disease during voyage. None.

II. Character of Trade of Port -----

III. Water Supply

(1) Source of supply :- as for the Town of Cowes.

There is a pipe line from the Pier Head.

Sources of Private supply are at the Pontoon (Isle of Wight Steam Packet Co) Messrs. Marvins' Shipyard and the Gas Works.

IV. Port Sanitary Regulations 1933.

(1) Declaration of Health - received by Customs Officers and sent to Port Medical Officer.

(2) Boarding of Vessels - Medical Officer works in close co-operation with Customs' Officers who will take him off to any infected ship. The Ministry of Health's weekly circular relating to infected Ports and infection abroad are always placed available for Customs' Officers.

(3) Mooring Stations for detention of ships

(a) The Roadstead of Cowes within local area of jurisdiction.

(b) Medham Buoys in River Medina.

(4) Infectious cases can be landed to and isolated in Isolation Hospitals in the Island by arrangement with the Isle of Wight Joint Hospital Board and the Isle of Wight County Council through their respective Medical Officers. This Port Medical Officer has continued to pay occasional visits to Shipping at Temporary Anchorage off Cowes when Medical service is required - most of these ships are lying outside this area of jurisdiction. Care is taken not to land infectious cases from such ships. The landing of foreign subjects is reported to Customs Officers at once.

(5) Bacteriological and Pathological examinations are carried out by arrangement with the County Laboratory at Newport, I.W.

(6) Cases of Venereal Disease are reported to the County Clinic at Newport.

No cases of infectious disease were landed at the Port during 1940.

V. Measures against Rodents.

No special measures were taken against Rodents.

VI. Hygiene of Crews Spaces :

Nothing to report.

VII. Food Inspection ----- This is done by the Town Sanitary Inspector.

Shellfish : Oysters, matured at Newtown Creek, are brought to the Distributor's business premises in Cowes prior to dispatch to markets. Conditions at these premises in Cowes are satisfactory.

Copies of order prohibiting the distribution for sale for human consumption of shellfish brought from the River Medina, unless the same have been relaid in approved waters for three months, were circulated.

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